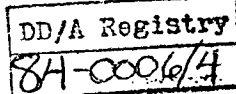


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8 February 1984

Lieutenant General James A. Williams, USA
 Director, Defense Intelligence Agency
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 Washington, D.C. 20301

Dear Jim:

Thank you for your note of 7 February 1984. When John relayed your concerns, we interpreted them as criticism of CIA for taking unilateral actions that would lead to delay of Delivery 4. We did not believe that to be the case since DIA has been deeply involved in the decisionmaking and management of the project. I appreciate your correcting the record.

I want to assure you that we are aware of the significance of Delivery 4 for DIA and are fully committed to bringing it on-line as soon as feasible. The strategy that [redacted] has recommended for going directly to an Integrated Data Base (IDB) appears to make sense. Nevertheless, the risks of this strategy must be assessed against the impact on schedule, costs, design, and plans for proceeding with the IDB. This assessment will be done as soon as the Consolidated SAFE Project Office (CSPO) receives the detailed IDB definition requirements from Bill's organization.

For many years I have watched our two agencies work problems and at no time have I observed a better working relationship than has been exhibited on the development of SAFE. We in CIA will work toward continuing that relationship and try to insure that the priorities of each agency are equally weighed in the SAFE development and implementation.

Sincerely,



Harry E. Fitzwater
 Deputy Director
 for
 Administration

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7 February 1984

Mr. Harry Fitzwater
Deputy Director for Administration
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Dear Harry:

When I mentioned my concerns with the delays in SAFE to John McMahon at breakfast yesterday morning, I had no intent to cause undue turmoil in your organization. While I recognize and accept the refinement of the schedules for Deliveries 2 and 3 will result in a 3 to 5 month delay, the main point I wanted to emphasize to John was that the real capability DIA requires is in Delivery 4. The tentative projection of 7 months delay in that Delivery raises real concern that the urgently required improvements in our data bases will slip out even further. We will move into the DIAC using the capabilities for message and text processing in Delivery 1, but must continue to work toward activation of the DIA structured files as early as possible. For us, that is what SAFE is all about and will allow us to replace the aging DIAOLS system.

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Despite my concerns, I think the approach that you, [redacted] and [redacted] agreed upon last Friday to look at the feasibility of implementing the integrated data base within the revised Delivery 4 schedule is the right one, but we need to know the risks and the costs. Please assure John that I appreciate continued CIA support in this project and fully support our continued joint efforts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James A. Williams".
JAMES A. WILLIAMS
Lieutenant General, USA